खाना पकाने की गैस के कितने डीलरों की नियुक्ति की गई है ;

(ख) बिहार के खाना पकाने की गैस के डीलरों की कुल संख्या में जनजातीय लोगों तथा हरिजनों का प्रतिशत कितना है ; और

(ग) हाल ही में बनाए गए जिलों तथा उपखंडों का ब्यौरा क्या है जहां अभी तक खाना पकाने की गैस का कोई डीलर नहीं है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) दो।

(ख) दिनांक 1-10-1992 को स्थिति के अनुसार, बिहार में एल० पी० जी० के 146 डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें हैं जिसमें से 30 अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति के हैं जो कुल का 20.5 प्रतिशत है।

(ग) नए सृजित 8 जिलों में से निम्नलिखित 4 जिलों में एल० पी० जी० की सुविधा नहीं है :—

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Supply of *Gm* to Power Station at Uttaran,

2496. SHRI ANANTRAY' DFV SHANKAR DAVE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GASbe pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Uttaran Power Station of Gujrat Electricity Board IS NOT Gujarat Electricity Board is not being commissioned for nearly one year because natural gas has not been made available to the power stations by the Oil & Natural Gas Commission. If so, the estimated loss as a result thereof;

(b) whether any responsibility has been fixed in the matter;

(e) when was the decision taken by Government to allocate gas to this power station;

(d) by what date had gas supply been sought by Gujarat Electricity Board from Oil & Natural Commission for commissioning the power plant; and

(e) what steps are being taken to ensure that gas is supplied immediately to Utta-ran so that power generation may commence ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND) : (a) to (e) The allocation of an additional 0.45 MMSCMD of natural gas was made for the Uttaran Power Station by Government in 1988 but GEB is yet to enter into a gas supply contract with GAIL which would firm up the date of supply of gas in this regard. Nevertheless an action plan has been prepared to supply this gas after laying of pipeline and development of the Gandhar field in stages subject to the execution of the contract and clearance of arrears of payments by GEB.

Availability of Associated and Free Gas from Bombay High

2497. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the anticipated total availa-bility of associated and free gas from Bombay High fields;

(b) whether the gas from the Bombay High fields would be sufficient to meet the firm commitments made for HBI pipeline; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHAN-K ARAN AND) : (a) The total production of gas in the Western Offshore fields is estimated to be 62.50 MMSCMD by 1996-97.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.